

**The following is my testimony for HB 5521:**

**Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and Members of the Public Health Committee:**

**As a Licensed Psychologist in Connecticut, I am writing in strong opposition to HB 5521, for the following 3 reasons:**

- 1) The term "psychologist" reflects doctoral level providers (both in Connecticut and on a national level);
- 2) Allowing licensure of master's level psychologists would create public confusion regarding provider education and training; and,
- 3) Master's level clinicians are currently able to become licensed in Connecticut as "Licensed Professional Counselors" (LPC's).
- 4) School psychologists are master's level, but they only operate in the school systems and are under the authority of the Department of Education.

**For each of these reasons, I am urging you to oppose HB 5521.**

**Thank you for your time and consideration.**  
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